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In the Application of :
James W. Cree, et al. :
Serial No. 09/304,716 : Group Art Unit 3761
Filed May 4, 1999 : Examiner Kidwell

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P&G Case 4546RC2D

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action (paper no. 7) mailed September 27, 2001.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows.

Please cancel claim 9.

REMARKS

Specification

The amendment filed May 4, 1999 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132 for introducing new matter into the disclosure. The alleged new matter has been cancelled.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Claim 9 has been cancelled.